

REMARKS

Claims 13-16 have been amended

As indicated above, U. S. Patent No.s 6,220,723 (2001, Freeman, et al.), and 6,216,370 (2001, Tijanic) show the "flip disks" under consideration in this invention as something quite different from Baird (1909, U. S. Patent No. 911,363)

The structure here is different from Baird (1909). This invention's Electromagnetic FLIP DISK displays, intrinsically, have a high contrast/high visibility, but only, intrinsically, utilize power when they are being flipped, i.e., the score is being changed. The low power consumption scoreboard has been ordered by WILSON (a well known manufacturer of sports equipment) and WILSON has taken delivery of the scoreboard. As was stated last time, many prior attempts at tennis scoreboards by others have not achieved any commercial viability because they haven't solved this key problem of portability and stand-alone operation over considerable time which the current inventors have achieved with utilizing flip disk displays to lower their intrinsic power requirements.

Therefore it is believed that Claims 13-16 are in a condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los

Angeles County, California telephone number (310) 766-6348 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

13 (once amended) A portable remotely controlled tennis scoreboard with a display, an electronics unit, at least one remote control unit which may change a displayed score, a power source, comprising :

[(a)] a display selected from the group consisting of electromechanical flip assemblies and electromagnetic flip disks[;], whereby

[(b)] said display has [having] high visibility in bright sunlight ambient light conditions[;], and, whereby

[(c)] said display has [having] a low, irregular, intermittent electrical power consumption duty cycle [whereby the display consumes power only when activated to change a displayed score].

14. Once amended) The portable remotely controlled tennis scoreboard of claim 13 wherein the power source is at least one battery, said battery not limited as to type, [said battery may be a rechargeable battery; whereby] said battery requirements matched to [requires only recharging to] the extent of [low] electrical power consumption of the intrinsic intermittent duty cycle of the display[, with some low level consumption for the electronics unit and some low level battery drain loss when the tennis scoreboard unit is turned off].

15. (Once amended) A method for making a portable remotely controlled tennis scoreboard utilizing a display, an electronics unit, at least one remote control unit which may change a displayed score, utilizing a power source, comprising the steps of:

(a) selecting a display from the group consisting of electromechanical flip assemblies and electromagnetic flip disks;

(b) utilizing said display, whereby said display has [having] high visibility in bright sunlight ambient light conditions; and

(c) utilizing said display, whereby said display has [having] a low, irregular, electrical power consumption intermittent duty cycle whereby the display consumes power only when activated to change a displayed score.

16. The method for making a portable remotely controlled tennis scoreboard of claim 15 comprising the step of utilizing at least one battery for the power source; wherein said battery is not limited as to type, except as to the requirement to supply power [; and the step of utilizing a rechargeable battery for said battery; whereby said battery requires only recharging] to the extent of low electrical power consumption of the intermittent duty cycle of the display, with some low level consumption for the electronics unit and some low level battery drain loss when the tennis scoreboard unit is turned off.